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Mr. Howard K. Kothe
Watson Leavenworth Kelton & Taggart
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Re: Expansion of Tobacco with Carbon Dioxide PM 620

Dear Howard:

Enclosed is my disclosure (inventors de la Burde and Aument) concerning liquid carbon dioxide impregnation of tobacco for puffing. Also enclosed are the disclosure as sent to me and memos describing equipment and operation. Example IV is provided for your information but does not illustrate the invention; you may decide whether it should go into the specification. It appears to me that the expansion process is conventional, and that the invention lies in the impregnation method. Further examples will probably be forthcoming; please let us know if any particular type is needed.

This is regarded as a very important development and it should receive highest priority (over PM #616 and 617 in particular). Those disclosures may provide background material useful in the present case.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Patent Officer

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cc: K. Burns
P. Eichorn
F. Resnik
R. Thomson

*Application for this patent was
filed on Feb. 12, 1974, 6½ months
after the date of this letter.*

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